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**Communication**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Final Rejection mailed September 9, 2003, to which a Reply will be filed in due course.

In the meantime, applicant filed an IDS on July 1, 2003. Applicant requests, as already requested in such IDS, for the PTO to consider the prior art disclosed in such IDS, and to return an examiner initialed copy of the form on which the prior art is listed.

Next, the Final Action cited three new U.S. patent references, but does not provide copies thereof, the Office Action making reference to MPEP 707.05(a). However, newly cited Curtis USP '954 has been applied against claim 12 and newly cited Delker USP '057 has been applied against claims 13

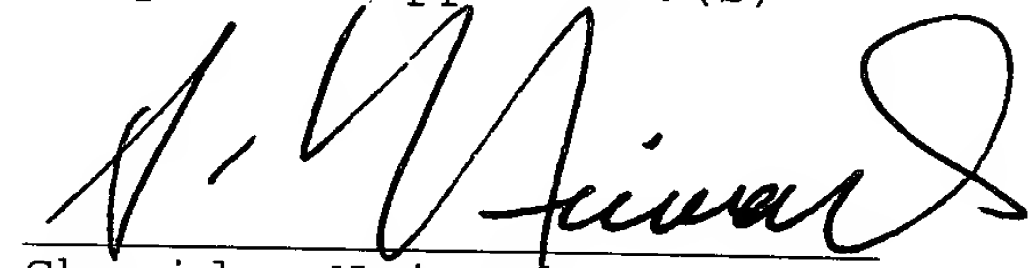
and 14, and newly cited Linville USP '519 has been applied against claims 1-6 and 11, with both Linville and Curtis being applied against claim 12, and Linville and Delker being applied against claims 13 and 14. In a USPTO Notice of July 11, 2003, copy attached, the PTO advised the public that the USPTO will mail copies of all cited references.

Wherefor, applicant respectfully requests copies of the three new U.S. patents cited and also an examiner-initialed copy of the form attached to applicant's IDS evidencing that the prior art cited in applicant's IDS has been considered by the examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: 07/11/2003

Signed: /s/

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